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# H. R. 5960

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 12, 2021

Mr. NEGUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-  
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “State and Local Gov-  
5 ernment Cybersecurity Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE HOMELAND SECURITY ACT  
7 OF 2002.**

8       Subtitle A of title XXII of the Homeland Security  
9 Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) is amended—

1                             (1) in section 2201 (6 U.S.C. 651), by adding  
2 at the end the following:

3                             “(7) SLTT ENTITY.—The term ‘SLTT entity’  
4 means a domestic government entity that is a State  
5 government, local government, Tribal government,  
6 territorial government, or any subdivision thereof.”;  
7 and

8                             (2) in section 2209 (6 U.S.C. 659)—  
9                                 (A) in subsection (c)(6), by inserting  
10 “operational and” before “timely”;  
11                                 (B) in subsection (d)(1)(E), by inserting “,  
12 including an entity that collaborates with elec-  
13 tion officials,” after “governments”; and  
14                                 (C) by adding at the end the following:

15                             “(p) COORDINATION ON CYBERSECURITY FOR SLTT  
16 ENTITIES.—

17                             “(1) COORDINATION.—The Center shall, upon  
18 request and to the extent practicable, and in coordi-  
19 nation as appropriate with Federal and non-Federal  
20 entities, such as the Multi-State Information Shar-  
21 ing and Analysis Center—

22                                 “(A) conduct exercises with SLTT entities;  
23                                 “(B) provide operational and technical cy-  
24 bersecurity training to SLTT entities to ad-

1           dress cybersecurity risks or incidents, with or  
2           without reimbursement, related to—

3                 “(i) cyber threat indicators;  
4                 “(ii) defensive measures;  
5                 “(iii) cybersecurity risks;  
6                 “(iv) vulnerabilities; and  
7                 “(v) incident response and manage-  
8                 ment;

9                 “(C) in order to increase situational aware-  
10              ness and help prevent incidents, assist SLTT  
11              entities in sharing, in real time, with the Fed-  
12              eral Government, as well as among SLTT enti-  
13              ties, actionable—

14                 “(i) cyber threat indicators;  
15                 “(ii) defensive measures;  
16                 “(iii) information about cybersecurity  
17                 risks or vulnerabilities; and  
18                 “(iv) information about incidents;

19                 “(D) provide SLTT entities notifications  
20              containing specific incident and malware infor-  
21              mation that may affect them or their residents;

22                 “(E) provide to, and periodically update,  
23              SLTT entities via an easily accessible platform  
24              and other means—

25                 “(i) information about tools;

- 1                         “(ii) information about products;
- 2                         “(iii) resources;
- 3                         “(iv) policies;
- 4                         “(v) guidelines;
- 5                         “(vi) controls; and
- 6                         “(vii) other cybersecurity standards
- 7                         and best practices and procedures related
- 8                         to information security;
- 9                         “(F) work with senior SLTT entity offi-
- 10                         cials, including chief information officers and
- 11                         senior election officials and through national as-
- 12                         sociations, to coordinate the effective implemen-
- 13                         tation by SLTT entities of tools, products, re-
- 14                         sources, policies, guidelines, controls, and
- 15                         standards and best practices and procedures re-
- 16                         lated to information security to secure the in-
- 17                         formation systems, including election systems,
- 18                         of SLTT entities;
- 19                         “(G) provide operational and technical as-
- 20                         sistance to SLTT entities to implement tools,
- 21                         products, resources, policies, guidelines, con-
- 22                         trols, and standards and best practices and pro-
- 23                         cedures on information security;
- 24                         “(H) assist SLTT entities in developing
- 25                         policies and procedures for coordinating vulner-

1           ability disclosures consistent with international  
2           and national standards in the information tech-  
3           nology industry; and

4           “(I) promote cybersecurity education and  
5           awareness through engagements with Federal  
6           agencies and non-Federal entities.

7        “(q) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
8        of enactment of this subsection, and every 2 years there-  
9        after, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on  
10      Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-  
11      ate and the Committee on Homeland Security of the  
12      House of Representatives a report on the services and ca-  
13      pabilities that the Agency directly and indirectly provides  
14      to SLTT entities.”.

